

REMARKS

Status of Claims

By way of the instant amendment, claims 7-11, 14 and 15 have been canceled. Thus, claims 1-3, 5, 6, 12, 13 and 15-18 remain for examination.

Allowable Claims

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-3, 5, 6, 12, 13 and 16-18 are allowed.

All remaining claims have been canceled.

The amendments made hereto to some of the allowed claims merely insert the word “the” before the term “whole”. This insertion is made to improve readability of the claims and is not deemed to change the scope of the claims nor is it deemed to have a bearing on the allowability of the claims.

Conclusions:

In view of the amendments made hereto, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and an early indication of same is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

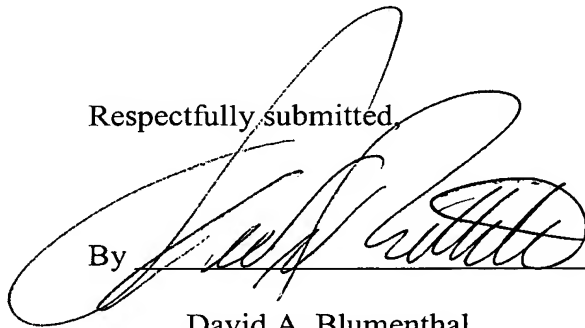
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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Respectfully submitted,

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A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to David A. Blumenthal, is written over a horizontal line. To the right of the signature, the words "Reg No" are written above the number "32933", which is followed by the word "for".

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